

STATEMENT OF LT. GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI ON THE OCCASION OF THE 92nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

LOS ANGELES - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi issued the following statement:

"We join together today to honor the memory of the 1.5 million Armenian people who perished in the genocide that began 92 years ago this day in the Ottoman Empire.

"Tens-of-thousands of intellectuals, poets, blue-collar workers, wives and children, had their lives cut short. Hundreds of thousands more expelled from their homeland. The future of a people decimated.

"This genocide was a tragedy of epic proportion. And yet, our nation still does not officially recognize this enormous loss of life and liberty.

"I ask you today to join with me to honor those lost; to give support to those few who escaped and remain with us; and to the generations who have followed. Stand with me in solidarity; in asking our Congress to recognize this horrific episode; in saying no to future genocides and holocausts.

"It is our solemn obligation to always remember, it is our solemn responsibility to prevent such occurrences today and in the future.

"Let us honor and remember those souls, lest history repeat itself."

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